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From the Holmquist Files...

by Natalie R. Holmquist

An Exchange of Gifts

In early November 1966, Brielle residents Lloyd Harding and his wife Constance took a trip to Europe and visited the Dutch town Brielle, the town which Brielle, New Jersey was named after.

The Hardings brought gifts to the Brielle Holland church, St. Catherine Kerk, a Dutch Reformed congregation, from the Church in Brielle, N.J., a denomination of the Reformed Church in America. The gifts to St. Catherine Kerk were a commemorative plate and tile of the Church in Brielle, N.J. The gifts from St. Catherine Kerk to the Brielle, N.J., Church were several tiles representing St. Catherine Kerk.

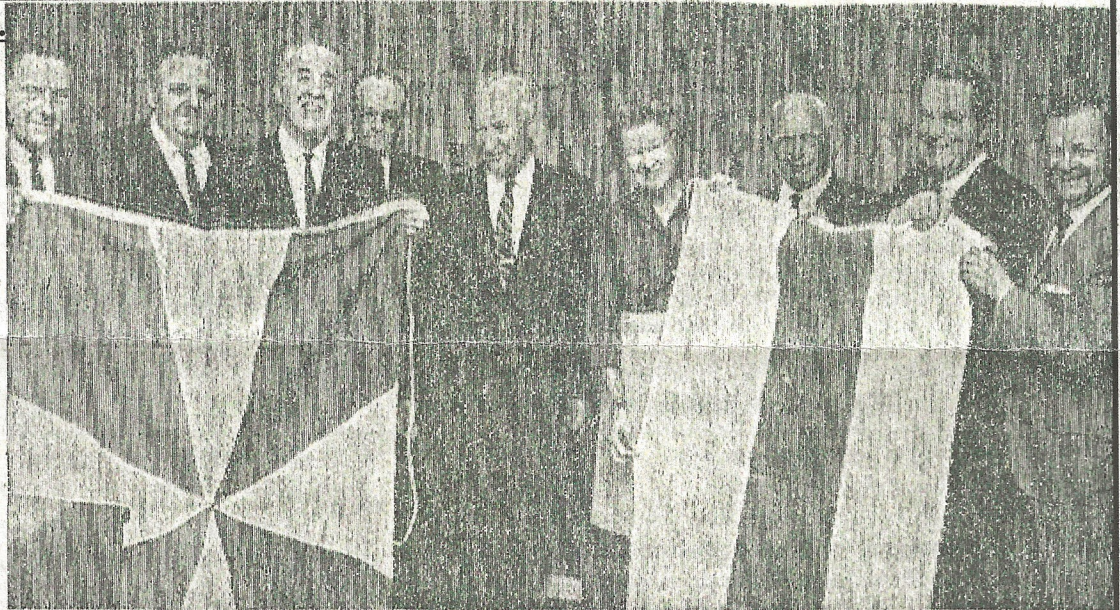
The Mayor of the Netherland town sent a gift of two flags to the Mayor and Council of Brielle, N.J.. One flag was the Brielle Holland town banner and the other was the flag of the Watergeuzen (Waterbeggars), who liberated the Dutch town from Spanish rule in 1572.

The Hardings also presented a bow of shells from Brielle shores to the wife of Mr. Y. Barendrecht, former Brielle Holland Mayor. His wife wanted the shells to add to her husband's collection of shells from places throughout the world, after she read in a Dutch newspaper about the history of Brielle, N.J. written by Mrs. Helen Holmquist.

Society News

by Ray Shea

The ULHS again hosted our 5th annual Decoration Day Observance Parade & Program at the Osborn Graveyard in Holly Hill Drive this past May 30th. In addition to an informative program on the events in the Brielle area during the American Revolution, the society's observance and promotion of the day was also recognized by the Mayor with a Proclamation from the Borough of Brielle. The framed proclamation is on display at the Borough Historian's office. A big thanks go out to all who pitch in every year to make the program the success that it is. The society also put on a Flag Day program on the morning of June 14th. The program was attended by 15 members.



FLAGS OF BRIELLE — Members of Brielle Council join the mayor and two residents in admiring two flags presented to the town Monday night as a gift from the Dutch town of Brielle. From left are Councilmen E. Bruce Wetzel and Edward T. Smith, Lloyd E. Harding, Councilman Paul W. Grover, Mayor William F. Crowley, Mrs. Harding, and Councilmen Jesse G. Collinson, George Goodfellow and Earle W. Hendrickson. Mr. and Mrs. Harding, who brought the flags back with them after a recent trip to Brielle, Holland, made the presentation. The flag on the right is the Brielle, Holland town banner. The flag at left is the Waterbeggars flag.

COAST STAR December 1, 1966

Helen Holmquist, author of The Brielle Story and mother of Richard Holmquist, had a great interest in local history, which inspired her daughter-in-law, Natalie Holmquist, to start collecting newspaper clippings, articles and notations from various sources about the early days in this vicinity.

Since the last newsletter, the society was the recipient of a generous gift from Bob and Marilyn Sauer. The Sauers donated about 15 reels of 16mm film, a movie projector, a splicer and a screen. Contained in the 12,000+ feet of film are visual treasures of Brielle including: early footage of the Fire Company, fishing on the Manasquan River and Atlantic Ocean, buildings and homes in the early years of Brielle, Brielle's 50th Anniversary events and much more. The films were shot by Bob's father, Harry Sauer who was a prominent local businessman, Brielle Chamber of Commerce member and amateur film maker. Several of the films were used to promote tourism in Brielle, especially the once spectacular sportfishing industry.

We have yet to finish screening all of the reels. Once they have all been previewed we will send them to a film lab to be converted to HD video tape, preserving the content for future generations. From these tapes I believe we will be able to produce a video history of Brielle from the 1930's through the 1960's. It is hoped that a movie night for the community will be part of ULHS' winter activities.

New! ULHS' eBay identity is "briellehistory". Our books, note cards, and postcard reprints will be available for sale and shipment on eBay starting very soon! We also have had other items donated to the society with the intention to be sold for direct benefit to the society. This is a wonderful way to raise money for our organization. If you have any items you would like sold on ebay with 100% profits being donated to ULHS, contact John or Ray.

Be sure to
visit the
ULHS display
at either
Brielle Day or
Archives Day
to receive a
great bag!

while supply lasts

Thank you for stopping by our display!



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are part
of
Brielle's
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Thanks to this issue's contributors:
Mrs. Holmquist, Mr. Belding, Mr. DuPre & Mr. Shea
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YOUR HISTORY QUESTION ANSWERED

U.L.H.S. CALENDAR

Your History Question Answered

by John Belding, Borough Historian

Have your question answered! E-mail to info@briellehistory.org and watch for your answer in an upcoming U.L.H.S. Newsletter!

Q I have heard that Captain Kidd buried a substantial cache of gold and jewels on "Treasure Island". Has that been verified and if so where would one dig to recover it? Are there any maps?

A Those rumors persist however to date no treasure has been discovered there. It is further believed that Captain Kidd would have thought this would be too "obvious" a spot to bury ill gotten gains that probably would be quickly discovered. This area was becoming less isolated as colonists migrated here. Stories handed down conjecture that booty was actually buried on the higher ground on the north side of the river just across from this island. The Kings Path area is a likely location. This roadway was possibly so named by Captain Kidd as a clever "marker" for him to relocate the site at a later date. He no doubt surmised that no one would suspect that a pirate might be so audacious as to bury purloined goods on property appearing to belong to the king. There is an ancient Beech tree in the yard at #3 which could possibly have been planted as a sapling over the buried chest to designate the exact spot.

Borough Historian's "It Was Only Yesterday" collection of historical vignettes:
<http://www.briellehistory.org/archive.htm>

Historical Osborn Graveyard

By John E. Belding, Project Coordinator

It's exciting to restore something of historic significance, however restorers are then confronted with the task of unending maintenance and further upgrade of such a site. With pleasure we announce our understanding of and response to this recognized challenge. We are blessed from time to time in receiving assistance from those who are voluntarily performing "service to their community" and also of persons who have been referred to us to do "community service". The assistance over time of various Boy Scouts plus the fine work of an Eagle Scout candidate has been gratifying. One of the scouts who had recently assisted us indicated he would also like to complete his Eagle Scout service project at the graveyard. We have a plethora of opportunities for service. One of our challenges has been to keep the weeds controlled inside the fenced area to allow the ground myrtle to take hold. We are fortunate that the Borough of Brielle municipal government has graciously volunteered to pay for a local landscaping company to come in, when requested, to perform that work. This is merely the latest manifestation of the fine support we have continued to receive from the Borough. In addition we are fortunate enough to be acquiring specimen trees to provide the needed shade to discourage the growth of inharmonious flora (weeds) and thus assist in establishing a thick carpet of myrtle ground cover. You may wonder why not grow grass there. However grass would require heavy duty lawn mowers which could prove disastrous to ancient gravestones. In this dry weather, we continue to be pleased with the donated water line including a commercial faucet plus hose enabling us to water our newly planted trees. We are also thankful and appreciative for the continual and ongoing encouragement and financial support received from the ladies of the William Livingston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

August 23rd - General Meeting, Brielle Day preparation 7:30 pm Borough Hall. We need helpers! Come and volunteer your expertise!

September 6th - 9/11 Memorial Service 10:05 am

September 8th - ULHS members are graciously invited to Squan Village Historical Social's Annual Barn Dinner, 6pm. RSVP to Mrs. Reynolds at 732.223.6770 and bring a covered dish to share!

September 11th - Brielle Day, Annual Sarsaparilla Old Fashioned Soda Sale and One Day Brielle Museum

October 9th - ULHS is an exhibitor at Archives Day 9am-3pm, Monmouth County Library Headquarters 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, New Jersey <http://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?Id=3714y>

October 24th - "On the River" Fall Luncheon Wharfside, Point Pleasant Beach 2pm \$25 per person. We'll look out to Brielle as members & friends share their favorite tales of the Manasquan River!

MORE events are in the planning stage! Add your name to our email distribution list, email: info@briellehistory.org

9-11 Memorial Garden

By E. David DuPre, Project Coordinator

The eighth observance of the 9/11 massacre will be held this year on Labor Day Sept. 6 at the South Monmouth 9/11 Memorial Site on Riverview Drive at Birch Drive, Brielle at 10:05 am. The event remembers all of the 9/11 victims from Southern Monmouth County (Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, South Wall, Sea Girt, Brielle and Manasquan). A complete listing of all the victims from Monmouth and Ocean Counties may be seen on the two sets of bronze plaques mounted on four standards (two each on the north and south sides) of the Route 70 bridge over the Manasquan River which has been rededicated by the State of New Jersey as the new 9/11 Memorial Bridge. A segment of the original 9/11 Memorial Bridge was donated to the Borough and is erected at the northeast corner of the Riverview Drive memorial site.

As is customary a family of one of the 9/11 victims will be invited to remember the victims with the presentation of a family floral piece. This year the family of Ted Brennan, Dr. Edward Brennan of Sea Girt will be so honored. Other participants will include members of the Fire Company, First Aid Squad, Boy Scouts, Mayor and Council Members and the Union Landing Historical Society. Family members and friends of the victims are also expected to attend. It is suggested that those attending bring their own lawn chairs. The length of the ceremony is not expected to exceed twenty-five minutes.

U.L.H.S. WELCOMES NEW MEMBER:
Mr. Ken Zelinski

REMEMBERING MEMBERS:
Richard Wurfel, Helen Berringer, Norma Newman